

CARTER GETS BRIEFING BY KISSINGER AND SEES SMOOTH TRANSITION

President-Elect, Who Denounced
Secretary in Campaign, Finds
'No Incompatibility' With Him

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PLAINS, Ga., Nov. 20—President-elect Jimmy Carter received a briefing on foreign policy today from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, then assured other nations that "there will be a very smooth and orderly transition" from the Ford Administration to the Carter administration.

Mr. Carter, who was frequently critical of Mr. Kissinger in the election campaign, referred to the Secretary today as "my good friend" and said the briefing had been "a very helpful thing . . . a very good occasion."

"There is no incompatibility among us," he declared when he and Mr. Kissinger appeared before newsmen at a short break in their daylong meeting.

Kissinger Promises 'Utmost'

Secretary Kissinger said that he would do his "utmost" to smooth the transition "so that the new administration can be successful for the peace and progress of all Americans." Then, reiterating a position he has taken a number of times, he added:

"I have always believed that foreign policy should be a nonpartisan affair and that all Americans should support the foreign policies in the United States."

Mr. Carter's sharpest outburst against Mr. Kissinger in the campaign came in a June speech in New York to the Foreign Policy Association. He charged the Secretary with conducting a "secretive, Lone Ranger foreign policy . . . a one-man policy of international adventure."

Today's briefing was the third this week for Mr. Carter. He met with Congressional leaders on Wednesday and conferred yesterday with George Bush, the Director of Central Intelligence. Vice-President-elect Walter F. Mondale was present for each of the briefings.

Tomorrow night, Mr. Carter will fly to Washington for two days of meetings

with other top officials of the departing Administration, among them President Ford.

Mr. Kissinger arrived here about 10:30 A.M. He flew first to Columbus, then was picked up by a military helicopter for the short hop to the tiny Plains airstrip.

His talk with Mr. Carter lasted through the morning and well into the afternoon. It was held in the den of Mr. Carter's ranch-style home.

When the President-elect and Mr. Kissinger broke to meet for a few moments with newsmen, they stepped out onto a patio in the rear of the house.

"I have asked Secretary Kissinger to give me advice on the most advantageous way to prepare for the next administration," Mr. Carter said in explaining why he had asked to see the Secretary.

"I'd like to be prepared as well as possible to assume the responsibilities of President. There will be a very smooth and orderly transition, and I think the other nations of the world can be assured of this fact."